of Melur taluk on the 28th February 1928, to investigate a pick-pocketting case, that the village munsif of Urilipatti who was specifically prevented from taking part in the activities of the Sangam by a general circular of the District Collector, Madura, attended it and that the village munsif of Nattam reported the fact to the authorities concerned;

(b) what action was taken by the Police to put an end to the activities of the Sangam; and

(c) if the Government have no information whether they will call for the same and place it on the Council table?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clause (b) of question No. 1384.

(c) Does not arise.

Civil Justice

Alleged punishment on the women fruit-sellers ordered by Mr. K. Padmanabhulu Nayudu, Honorary Magistrate.

* 1386 Q.—Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether one Mr. K. Padmanabhulu Nayudu is an honorary magistrate for the City of Madras;

(b) what his qualifications are and which of those qualifications made the Government select him as a fit person to try cases singly;

(c) what his service record is in Kurnool;

(d) whether the following women fruit-sellers of Esplanade were fined Rs. 10 each on Saturday, 24th November 1928, by the said honorary magistrate: Thimmakka, Periya Miniyamma, Chinna Miniyamma, Andalamma, Latchmi Amma, Thayi Amma, Nagaratnam Ayya, Rajamma;

(e) what the offence was for which they were fined;

(f) whether it is a fact that these women were not allowed to stir out of the court-house before the fines were paid;

(g) what the alternative sentence was in each of these cases; and

(h) whether they were not prevented from committing the offence with which they were charged by the policemen on duty?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) He is a retired Huzur Sarishtadar. He is also a graduate. The Chief Presidency Magistrate on whose recommendation the Government usually act in such cases was of opinion that the gentleman was competent to dispose of cases singly.

(c) to (h) The Government have no information.

Village Courts Act

Execution of decrees of village panchayat courts.

* 1387 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with reference to the answer to question No. 54 given on 23rd August 1927 regarding the difficulties at present experienced in the execution of the decrees of village panchayat courts—

(a) whether the reports of the Collectors have been received;

(b) if so, what those reports are; and

(c) what action Government have taken thereon?